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SUBJECT:

Latin America Warning and Forecast Meeting

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l. The following items were discussed at the Intelligence Community's Warning and Forecast Meeting held on 22 January 1986.

Haiti

Although anti-government demonstrations have subsided during the past few days, tension remains high in several Haitian towns. This latest round of demonstrations was more widespread and longer-lasting than the last (1985). The threat to President Duvalier is considered far greater than it has been in the past. While the demonstrations are believed to have been economic in origin, they quickly took on a political coloration and as they continued, many of those close to the President began to consider ways of saving their positions at the expense of the President. The most serious challenge lies among the old-guard Duvalierists, but this element would need the support, or at least the acquiescense, of the security forces. The unrest seems to have run its course for now, but has demonstrated the vulnerability of the President, the readiness of the Duvalierists to turn on the President and the uncertain loyalty of the security forces. The radical left is reported to be watching developments from exile but has not yet decided on a course of action. Any successor to President Duvalier would most likely be from among the ranks of the old-guard Duvalierists and would be faced with a period of anarchy or at least serious unrest before the situation calmed down.

<u>Warning Issue</u>: If economic and political conditions deteriorate further, more illegal immigrants will attempt to leave for the United States, the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic. Following this latest round of unrest, Cuba and the Haitian radical left may decide to exploit a highly volatile situation.

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